

It's News Here!

Jack Rice Pleads Guilty To Murder Charge

On Wednesday, December 27, Jack Edgar Rice pleaded guilty to the murder of John Andrew Messenheimer which occurred in Grayling Township on September 28, 1978, according to Thomas Kent, Prosecuting Attorney. Rice indicated that he had shot Messenheimer twice at close range with a high-powered rifle and that Messenheimer had died as a result of those fatal wounds, Kent stated.

This plea culminates an intense investigation by local and state police authorities. The sentencing date has not yet been established. Rice could be sentenced to any term of incarceration up to and including life, Kent said.

Vike Cagers to Resume Action

by Joe Schrader
All Grayling basketball cagers will swing back into action over the next two weeks with the first game set for this Thursday night when the Grayling High Freshman squad hosts Petoskey with tipoff time set for 7:00 p.m.

The Varsity and JV squads will head north Friday to face the Northern with the reserve game set for 6:30 p.m., the Varsity contest immediately following.

Middle School basketball fans will have to wait until next Tuesday, January 9th, to see their teams in action. The "A" and "B" Eighth Grade teams will host the Gaylord Blue Devils with the first tilt set for 6:30 p.m. The seventh grade teams will travel to Gaylord to square off against the Blue Devils with the first game set for 6:30 p.m., as well.

Rescue Squad on the Run

The Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. Snowmobile Division made four important runs over the New Year's weekend, rescuing snowmobilers who were either stranded or injured in the woods.

Eleven ambulance runs were also made during the past week and the Sheriff reported that wintry weather resulted in a number of cars ending up in ditches throughout the county.

During 1978, a total of 5995 individual complaints were investigated by sheriff department deputies.

Sheriff Curt Haas reported today that a complete report of his department's activities will be made available within the next two weeks.

Vike Wrestlers Cop 2nd Place Trophy at Charlevoix

by Joe Schrader
Grayling High wrestlers had a successful mid-December, bringing home a second place trophy from the Charlevoix Invitational on December 16th, then out-muscling the Red Raiders in a dual meet on the 21st.

In the dual meet against Charlevoix, which the Vikings won 51-24, the following wrestlers won first-place honors: Tim Jensen (98#), Dave Pettit (105#), Burt Partello (119#), Tim Ferrigan (126#), Tim Jones (138#), Jerry Luckstead (155#), Dennis O'Mara (165#), Barry Cote (178#) and Steve Cde-Baca (Heavyweight).

On Thursday, the team will travel across Big Mac to face the Fighting Saints of St. Ignace with matches scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Toll-Free Number for Food Stamps

Since Monday, December 18th, the Michigan Department of Social Services is providing a toll-free telephone number to the state agency designed to furnish general food stamp program information to the public.

The number to dial for this service is 1-800-292-5590. However, in Wayne County, only the local number to dial is 256-3103. These numbers will be in service Monday through Friday of each week, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Department officials emphasize that this service is intended to provide only general program information, such as basic eligibility requirements and what is needed to establish such eligibility by food stamp recipients.

Tax Help Available From IRS

TRAVERSE CITY—The Internal Revenue Service today reminded area taxpayers that help with federal tax questions is available through IRS's toll-free telephone assistance network, Monday through Friday. Hours for help by phone are 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon, and

12:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Telephone numbers are listed in the tax forms package and local directories.

IRS says you can get quicker service if you call during periods when activity is typically slower. The best time to call is early in the [See Tax Help on page 2]

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Roger Kolb Catches Winter Serenity on the First Day of 1979.

New Law Prohibits High Piling of Snow At Private Driveways

A new state law designed to eliminate piled snow as a traffic hazard is in effect this winter, the Michigan Department of Transportation reports.

Basically, it prohibits businesses and citizens from dumping snow on roadways and shoulders or piling it so high at driveway entrances that it obstructs the vision of motorists.

Under the law, enacted last spring, snow, ice or slush may not be removed from a driveway or other property and placed across a roadway or its shoulders. Snow piled near a driveway

entrance must not obstruct the view of a motorist entering the roadway.

Pushing snow from a driveway to the opposite side of the road also is prohibited.

"Citizens or hired snowplowing services usually clear driveways after the highway crews have cleared the roadway and shoulders," said John P. Woodford, department director.

"The snowplowing vehicle moving back and forth across the roadway from the driveway in itself is unsafe, but the snow that this activity leaves on the pavement is spread down the roadway

and makes a slippery spot that is hazardous and could be the cause of an accident."

Violation of the new law is a misdemeanor. Both property owners and persons hired to remove snow are responsible for any illegal snow-removal activities.

In addition, any accidents caused by illegal snow removal will leave violators open to lawsuits for public liability and property damage.

Both the Transportation Department and Michigan State Police encourage property owners to make special plans for snow removal from their property. They recom-

mend that snow be pushed away from the roadway and to the sides of the driveway for its full length.

Large businesses may find it necessary to truck snow from their parking lots.

For a charge to be filed, a police officer must witness the violation, or a citizen may file a complaint.

"The careless dumping or plowing of snow into the roadway can present a serious traffic hazard," said Col. Gerald L. Hough, state police director. "This new law should help control dangerous snow-removal practices."

Gen-Tel Expansion Projects To Meet New Growth in Area

Customer service improvement projects and service expansion projects to meet new growth highlighted General Telephone's Northern Division 1978 performance according to Lois Reagan, division manager for the company.

"More than \$5,237,000 has been spent this year in the northern division to accommodate the new growth and improve service," Mrs. Reagan said.

The northern division provides service to more than 87,700 telephones in 37 exchanges serving 134 communities.

Projects in the \$5,237,000 program fall into four major categories: buildings, cable plant, central office switching equipment and (tools, vehicles and telephone equipment).

"Additions to our local and long distance switching equipment in the northern

division were a great part of our 1978 expenditures," Mrs. Reagan said. "This equipment, although not normally seen by our customers, plays an important role in providing telephone service."

Nearly \$2 million was invested in switching equip-

Area Cited For Skiing

Cross country skiing in the special quiet area for skiers at Hartwick Pines State Park is cited in Automobile Club of Michigan's January Michigan Living - Motor News magazine.

An article entitled, "The Magic Silence of Cross Country Skiing" also discusses the various types of cross country skis and associated equipment now available and lists areas in Michigan with special facilities for skiers.

Men's City Assn. Bowling Tourney Rescheduled

Due to my hospitalization, which has been of longer duration than I expected, the Men's City Assn. team, singles and doubles bowling tournament will be rescheduled for the early part of March.

I will personally contact each league secretary in the next few weeks for their assistance.

Glenn Sawyer
Assn. Secretary

Warning

Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of Michigan Air National Guard during the period 3-6, 9-13, 16-20 Jan 1979.

The Air to Ground Range which is located east of Guthrie Lake and north of County Road 612, will be in use during this period.

This range will be closed during the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of this area.

Vet's Notice

The Marine Corps League will have its Field Service Officer John Cummings, at the Court House in Grayling, Michigan on January 10 & 24, 1979 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

He will assist veterans, widows of deceased veterans, Administration, Detroit,

He will assist veterans, widows of deceased veterans, and their dependents in filing claims with the Veterans Administration, Detroit, Michigan.

45 Counties Qualify For Snow Removal Aid

Forty-five of Michigan's 83 counties recorded more than 80 inches of snow during the 1977-78 winter, qualifying them for annual snow-removal assistance payments from state gas and weight taxes, the Michigan Department of Transportation reports.

Crawford County with a snowfall of 113.22 inches, received \$34,886.49. A few surrounding counties also qualifying included Kalkaska County (134.8") - \$60,044.67; Otsego County (132.57") - \$56,756.19; and Roscommon County (87.37") - \$9,486.01.

The 45 counties will share \$1,980,289, compared with \$1,874,984 paid a year ago to 35 qualifying counties. The snow-removal assistance payments are made once a year to counties recording a minimum of 80 inches of accumulated snowfall. Amount of payments is determined by a formula established by the Legislature, based on accumulated snowfall depth and the number of miles of county roads.

Statistics on snowfall are provided by the U.S. Weather Bureau and Michigan Wea-

ther Service, which have one or more observation stations in each county.

The largest payment of \$100,169 goes to Houghton County, based on 193.8 inches of snowfall last winter. The second largest payment of \$96,783 goes to Allegan County, based on 116.3 inches of snowfall.

The most snowfall last winter was recorded by Keweenaw County, the northernmost area of the Upper Peninsula, with 208.3 inches. That's more than 17 feet, and the only county in Michigan to top the 200-inch mark.

Others in the top five for amount of snowfall were Alger County, 196 inches; Houghton, 193.8 inches; Baraga, 168.1 inches and Luce, 176.1 inches.

Bernard Conflitti, 51 Dies Tuesday

Bernard Conflitti, age 51, passed away Tuesday morning, January 2, 1979 at Mercy Hospital. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 8, 1979 at Sorenson Funeral Home. Committal services will be at 4:00 p.m.

John Aief, Jr. Named Bank Assistant Vice-President



Masons to Meet

The Grayling Masonic Lodge #356, F. & A.M., will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 4, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

by Joe Schrader
In a recent meeting of the Grayling State Bank Board of Directors, John Aief, Jr. was named Assistant Vice-President of the Mortgage Loan Department. Aief, a bank employee since September of 1977, will be responsible for all mortgage loan transactions handled by the department he will manage.

A 1971 graduate of Grayling High, John attended Central Michigan where he received a B.S. Degree in Psychology in 1975, then continued on to receive his Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1977.

Aief enjoys all outdoor sports, particularly hunting and skiing. The promotion was effective December 26th.

Babson's 1979 Forecast

[Continued From Last Week]

THE LABOR FRONT

1979 faces a busy schedule of labor negotiations involving a number of important industries such as petroleum, trucking, auto, electric products, and rubber. The voluntary wage-price restraints will undergo stern tests in these bargaining sessions. Labor groups have expressed disapproval of the 7% ceiling on wage hikes and fringe gains combined. They will acquiesce only if the lid is applied to direct wage increments alone and if living costs are restrained. It is too early to rule out formal controls on pay rates and prices.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Residential building enjoyed a banner year in 1978. Generally [See Babson on page 12]



COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE—Fred Kauffman, right, in his last official act as a County Board of Commissioner, presents Janice Cornell with a Certificate of Commendation for the service she has given Crawford County. The certificate was signed by Larry Mattis, left, Vice-Chairman of the Board. Kauffman has served on the board for 10 years, representing the 7th district which includes South Branch and part of Beaver Creek. He served as Chairman of the Board for three years.



GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL Juniors and Seniors heard about college life from some former students at a special meeting held December 21st. In a special two-hour session, Mark Hanson, a West Point Cadet; Tricia Duley, a Michigan State freshman and Holly Knibbs, a MSU graduate, were invited back to their high school to discuss college life with local students. In a session sponsored by the National Honor Society, shown here are Tricia Duley, addressing the students, while Mark Hanson (left), and Holly Knibbs (seated on the right), look on. (Photo courtesy of Chuck Kolb)

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A CHRISTMAS FIESTA was celebrated December 21st in Nancy Lemmen's G.H.S. Spanish classes, continuing an annual tradition at the school. In the top photo, teacher Nancy Lemmen (left) displays the PINATA, a papier-mache balloon decorated with crepe paper while Spanish student Mary "Maria" Tenniswood helps out. In the bottom photo, students in Lacey Stephan's Chemistry class display their wares in the classes' annual Christmas Cake-Decorating Contest. (Photos courtesy of Chuck Kolb)



IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Olla Cooper who passed away 2 years ago-December 31, 1976.

Memories are treasures no one can steal.

Death is a heartache nothing can heal.

Some may forget since you are gone.

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Greatly missed along life's way.

Quietly remembered every day.

Sadly missed by his family.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Whose smile is the biggest. Arthur Wakeley, Sr., or Art Weideman... It's a granddaughter! Catherine Lynn Wakeley arrived at Providence Hospital, Detroit, on December 29, 1978, to Arthur and Cindy Wakeley, of Westland. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 15 ozs. Besides the grandparents, Junior and Mary Wakeley and Art and Monica Weideman, Catherine has two great grandmothers, Mrs. John Brady of Grayling, and Mrs. Harry Weideman of Detroit.

The Arthur Carlsons received a pre-holiday call from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price from Newburyport, Mass. Jim will be remembered as a former teacher here. The Carlson home was busy over the holidays as all of their children were here. Richard, at home; Julie and Rod Powers, of Hart; Christine and Tom Olson and children; Jennifer, Angela, and Bradley of Lawton; and Cindi Chepler of Petoskey. Joining the family for their Sunday Christmas Eve were Merle's sisters, Burnis Meech and Amber Meech and daughter, Coriynn. On Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Connie Price and Steve and Kristin of Ipswich, Mass. stopped in. She was accompanied by her father, Oscar Gerkin, of Florida. They had been in the area visiting Connie's sister in Lansing and her brother, Steve Gerkin in Prudenville.

Jerold Lovely, his wife Gail, daughter Jennifer, and son Jamie, of Oxford, were at the Ray Lovely Sr.'s, for their Christmas gift exchange and will return home on Friday. Chuck and Elsie Bonamia entertained at Christmas Eve festivities and a wonderful Christmas dinner. Their out of town guests were their daughter, Joyce Bonamia from Conover, N.C.; Dan and Patti Bonamia from Cleveland; Cliff, Julie, Almee and Nate Bonamia from Saginaw; also Chuck, Brenda, Chad, Charles V. and Eric Bonamia and Dale Bonamia. While here, Joyce visited her many friends in the Grayling area. Missing from the family clan were Chuck and Shirley Bonamia, but the family talked to them Christmas Eve by phone and also made a special recording for them to tell them how much they are missed.

Kehr Completes Army School

MD., ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS—Pvt. Louie P. Kehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kehr, Route 3, Grayling, recently completed a metal body repair course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Students learned to repair and rebuild metal body parts for wheeled and lightweight tracked combat and tactical vehicles. They also received instruction in gas welding on metal body components, exterior finishing of metal bodies and glass cutting.

Kehr entered the Army in June 1978.

He is a 1978 graduate of Grayling High School.

J.D. Cox Completes Submarine School

Navy Quartermaster Seaman Apprentice James D. Cox, son of William A. and Nancy K. Cox of 608 Ionia St., Grayling, has completed the Basic Enlisted Course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

During the 6-week course, he was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered and diesel submarines. In preparation for his first assignment, he studied shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures.

A 1978 graduate of Grayling High School, he joined the Navy in June 1978.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight P. Cary of Oklahoma City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Ann to Wayne Keith Austin II, son of Mrs. Martha Austin of Grayling. Miss Cary and her fiancé are 1973 graduates of Grayling High School.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a teacher of the Hearing Impaired in Hays, Kansas. Mr. Austin is a 1976 graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Radiologic Technology and is a Radiologic Technologist at Harper Hospital in Detroit. A July wedding is planned.

Tax Help

(Continued from page 1)

morning or late in the day. Avoid Mondays and Tuesdays if you can. "They are the busiest days of the week," IRS says.

The agency's phone system handles about 75 percent of the assistance needs of taxpayers. However, persons with more complicated tax problems will be able to get free help at the local IRS office at the Grandview Bldg., 207 Grandview Parkway, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To promote accuracy of answers to tax questions and to ensure courtesy to taxpayers, IRS monitors a sample of each day's phone calls. It also "quality reviews" all tax returns prepared at any IRS office to ensure all schedules are attached and all line entries are made on the returns filed.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers whose 1978 income was less than \$8,000 that they may be entitled to a special benefit, in some cases as much as \$400. It's called the "Earned Income Credit". It is available to certain qualifying persons, even some who may not otherwise be required to file a tax return, or even some who had no tax withheld in 1978. "But remember," says IRS, "if you qualify for the earned income credit, you must file a return to get the benefit."

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From Our
Corner ...

1978 took its last swat at Michigan on December 31st with the first real storm this winter ... it almost was like ... just to remember the Winter Storm of '78, herewith is a reminder.

It didn't seem to stall the revelers from getting out to usher in the New Year, as Monday morning brought untold cars left in the streets making it hard for the city to clear out the mess ... downtown Monday appeared like a late January or February day as the city plowed the snow to the center for an easier pickup ... and left a pile nearly five feet high ...

The above information is strictly for our summer friends who spend their winter months in their nests in the sunny clime of the south and west ... all us hardy natives already know what it was like over the weekend.

A couple weeks ago we had in our corner concerning the District Court news ... At the time we were seeking some in-put from our readers as to whether it was worth running in the Avalanche ...

Since then, we have had two conversations ... One stated why not drop it, all it amounts to is a gossip column. The other party stated that we should continue, and just disregard the persons asking to keep their names out ...

Now, this past week, we have received a letter that is definitely against running the court news ... Their letter reads in part ...

"The decision, I think you should make, is to stop running the column. I see very little to be gained by continuing the Court News. Many persons named in this column are from out of town and are not newsworthy. Others come from Grayling, and in a small town this would prove to be hurtful to the innocent, namely - mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers."

"I know that when our boys were growing up - seeing their names in print along with the population of Crawford County, would have hurt my wife and I a great deal, and am sure the same would have applied within your family."

"I do think that you should really consider dropping the column. I see no value in this column whatsoever."

We still would like to have more input from our readers as to their feelings concerning the column. District Court was not held this past week between Christmas and New Year's. That is the reason for it not appearing in this issue.

Our first tip of our hat in 1979 has to go to Kenny Jackson and our neighbor, Carl Hector, who did their good deed for the day on Saturday by digging out our better half's car, which was buried by two plows just before she was ready to leave. It saved the young fella a possible heart attack, although we found out her feelings when she came down to the office, #*%* #*!

This is going to have to be all the ramblings from our Corner this week ... it's too hard to cope with two Sundays in a week, which leaves but one day to finish up the final touches before press time Wednesday morning.

Smile, there are but 3 months of winter to look forward to ...

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Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM
THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO23 Years Ago
January 5, 1956

Mrs. Glen Fenton, daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Tom Robertson and daughter, Sylvia, and Eddie Holtcamp spent last Thursday in Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear were hosts to a group of friends at supper on Monday December 26th at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson left Sunday to spend the winter in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carlson announce the arrival of a daughter, Cindie Janine, weighing 6 lbs. 8 1/4 oz. on December 22. Mrs. Henry Meech and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Carlson of Bellevue are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rasmussen had a boy, John Joseph, born Dec. 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harwood are John's grandparents.

Mrs. Ernest Borchers and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond entertained about 20 guests at the Borchers home New Years Eve. The party was a potluck dinner, after which games were played. A good time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaGrow gave a buffet supper for about 24 of the LaGrow families on Monday night, December 26th.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison and family have moved into their summer home on the AuSable, and will make it their permanent residence. The Jack Alfes are living in the Allison house on Chestnut St.

Mr. and Mrs. Swend Madsen and family of Gaylord, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madsen enjoyed a buffet supper and exchanged gifts at the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Madsen on Christmas Eve.

John Bruun made his annual canoe trip down the AuSable River, New Years Day.

Mrs. Wesley Kumpula was in Traverse City last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hartman and Frankie spent last weekend with relatives in Melvindale, Garden City and Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Papendick of Lansing spent New Year's with her folks the Elroy Barber's later motoring on to Petoskey to visit the Leo Lister family.

Mrs. Ruth Caid and Pat and Margie Harwood and children enjoyed New Years dinner with Trooper Bud Caid and family of Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hartman and Maude Brenner spent the holidays at Cedar Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson spent part of the holiday vacation at Crosswell with their folks the J. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Douglas and family of Grayling spent part of the Christmas day with relatives at the Douglas home, then with relatives at Manelona.

46 Years Ago
January 5, 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson and son, Dick, were in Bay City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh accompanied their daughter, Betty, to Alma Monday, where she will resume her studies at Alma College.

Mrs. Earl Wood spent a week visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Falling in Beaver Creek.

Edgar McPhee of West Branch spent the week end at the home of his sister, Mrs. Grant Thompson.

Corwin Auto Sales have purchased the Nash garage across from their own garage and will use it for storage. The property was formerly owned by the T.E. Douglas estate.

Miss Evelyn Van Sickle of Houghton Lake spent the week end as the guest of Thorwald Sorenson.

Harold Skingley is moving his auto repair and electric welding plant from the Nash garage to his residence garage, across from Grayling laundry, where he will continue his work.

Henry Smith, Jr., and Fred Smith of Bay City are spending a few days at their cabin down the river. They have as their guests, Webster McKinley, Franklin Smith and William DeFee.

Among those who entertained at Watch parties after

the New Year's party were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Misses Fern Armstrong and Ona Lozon. Miss Jayne Kayport and Miss Helen Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Deming of Vanderbilt visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Schmidt Saturday evening.

Mrs. James Reynolds and son, James, Jr., spent Sunday and Monday in Twining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Darveau spent the week end in Detroit visiting at the home of Mrs. Darveau's sister, Mrs. W. C. Masters.

69 Years Ago
January 6, 1910

Mrs. Oscar Hanson is home from a visit in Chatham, Ont., and Detroit.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Olaf Michelson entertained about thirty ladies at "500". Mrs. L. T. Wright winning the prize. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr., entertained a few friends at cards last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Engler. Prizes were won by Miss Lillie Fischer and Holger Schmidt.

Mercury registered at 20 degrees below zero Monday night.

Mr. Jack Molver of Detroit was the guest of Fred Michelson during the past week.

Miss Margaret Hanson has been entertaining Mr. George Clark and Miss Irene Best of Detroit.

Mrs. Axel Becker and children of Johannesburg have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodburn.

Mr. V. W. Lankey of Bay City takes the place of P. C. Hill as trainmaster at this station. Mr. Hill is moving to Jackson.

Railroad traffic was all out of joint and the telegraph and phone wires nearly out of commission yesterday on account of the storm.

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Jim Jones A Charismatic?

A central reason for the growth of People's Temple under Jim Jones was his continual stress on charismatic miracles. Jones appeared orthodox in his early years. He confessed Christ as a boy under the influence of a holiness neighbor. He began preaching as a teenager and became pastor of a Methodist church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He left in a conflict which many attributed to his "becoming pentecostal". When he started the People's Temple in Indianapolis, many people described the services as "those in any old-fashioned Pentecostal church". His assistant pastor was a former Assemblies of God minister.

Jones trained to become a professional con-artist in religion. He attended a spiritualist camp meeting in the late 50's and came back believing in reincarnation. In fact, before his career ended he claimed to be almost every great prophet reincarnated - including Jesus Christ. Secondly, he visited anti-christ Father Divine in Philadelphia in 1961 and came back denying the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the authority of the Bible. Thirdly, Jones spent 2 years in Brazil where he studied and mastered the trick methods of a phony Brazilian faith healer.

Jones told People's Temple member Archie James: "Choose me or Jesus ... You go out and preach Jim Jones, and I'll back it up with miracles." The last hour of services in People's Temple each week was given over to healings and special revelations from God. Week after week people were supposed to be freed from their wheelchairs and crutches. The blind were reported to see and deaf to hear.

Occasionally, someone would die during the meeting and Jones would resurrect him. People did not realize that Jones had professionals on his payroll to assist him.

Using the trick techniques learned in Brazil Jones even performed blood-less surgery on terminal cancer patients. Little did these people realize that the tissue Jones seemed to work through their skin as removed cancer tissue was internal organs from slaughtered animals.

Jones held people in awe with his charismatic gift of prophesying messages directly from God. Jones would publicly reveal secrets that only God could know about people who were attending People's Temple. They never dreamed he had files full of personal and private information on his congregation gathered by his goon squad. These henchmen were ordered to search personal property even including the garbage cans of Jones's followers.

Jones proved that even the rich and intelligent can be deceived when they become experience oriented, rather than simply trusting God's Word, the Bible. (adv.)

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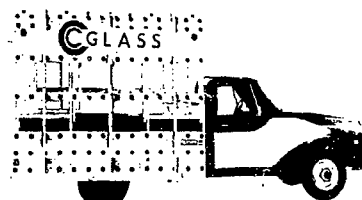
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Road Commission Minutes

December 20, 1978

A regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission held in their office in Grayling, Chairman Millikin presiding. Present were Chairman Millikin, Commissioners Ervin E. Richter and Grover Cason, Manager Charles Fox, Secretary Lorna Bernard. Also in attendance, Gloria Kraus.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Grover Cason made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ervin Richter. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Bids for scrap and used equipment were reviewed by the Board. Ervin Richter made a motion to accept the highest bid on all trucks and scrap, seconded by Grover Cason. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Bids were as follows:

Used Equipment:	Bidder	Amount
Larry's Salvage, #17	300.00	Floyd Millikin, #23
J. Nichols, #22	1,200.00	Floyd Millikin, #24
Larry Wakeley, #21	50.06	Carl Shively, #74
Larry Wakeley, #43	50.00	Fred Anderson, #36
		3,151.00

Mr. Fox discussed with the Board the purchase of a 9' Hydra Turn plow for #18 to clean the rest areas and ramps for the State Highway. Ervin Richter made a motion that we purchase one, seconded by Grover Cason. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Interviews were held regarding the job of janitor. A job description is to be written and presented to the prospective applicants before a decision is to be made.

Mr. Fox had a report from the State of Michigan stating that they are still studying the traffic conditions at M-93 and US-27.

The Board broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Gaylor and Dawn Berenly appeared before the Board about insurance.

Discussions were held regarding future cost for Frederic Township on bridges and roads for 1979.

A discussion was held regarding a future meeting that is to be set up with the City of Grayling to discuss the roads and street construction of mutual interest.

A meeting is to be set up with the adjacent counties regarding letters of agreement on road maintenance on the borderline of each county.

At this time, a meeting was held on personnel policies. There being no further business at this time, Grover Cason made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ervin Richter. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

LeRoy Millikin, Chairman
Lorna Bernard, Secretary

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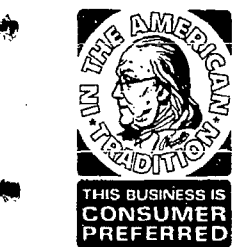
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Navy Amn. Recruit, Douglas E. Kuhn, son of Albert F. and Twila E. Kuhn of Route 2, Box 2760, Grayling, has completed the Aviation Machinist's Mate Basic Jet Engine Course.

During the 5-week course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., students received introductory instruction on the characteristics and operating principles of jet engines. Their studies included engine lubrication, ignition and fuel systems. Additionally, they studied the procedures for refueling and defueling aircraft, for removal and installation of aircraft engines and for the operation of aircraft ground handling equipment.

A 1978 graduate of Grayling High School, he joined the Navy in June, 1978.

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It may seem that insurance rates are arbitrarily set and you the homeowner or businessman, have no recourse but to pay them.

Inflation, of course, has had a great deal of impact on spiraling premiums, but even so, rates are generally established on some kind of cost versus benefit ratio. It makes sense that workers compensation, general liability and other kinds of coverage will cost more if the insurance carriers must pay out large amounts of money.

Even with these considerations, however, insurance rates cannot be established in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. Under Michigan law, there has to be financial justification.

Michigan law also provides a process through which an individual, company or community can challenge insurance rates which they feel are excessive, arbitrary or discriminatory. Although that process is seldom used, it provides for the orderly appeal through the Michigan Insurance Commissioner.

The first step is for the person, company or municipality to complain to the Commissioner, citing the specific reasons that the insurance rates are unfair or discriminatory.

If the commissioner agrees that the complaining party seems to have valid arguments, a hearing is scheduled within 30 days. The complaining party, as

well as all insurers and rating organizations involved, must be given at least 10 days notice of the hearing. During that hearing, both sides and all interested parties can argue their respective sides, after which the Commissioner makes a decision.

If the Commissioner concludes that the insurance rates are set fairly and within the bounds of sound economic reasoning, the rates remain in effect.

If the Commissioner agrees that the insurance rates have not been established according to law, the Commissioner will issue an order specifying that they are out of line and setting a date for terminating those rates. A copy of that order must be sent to all affected parties.

The important point is that you, the Michigan resident, can challenge insurance rates you feel are too high.

Any person wanting to challenge the insurance rates for a specific area can contact the Insurance Commissioner by writing to: The Michigan Insurance Bureau, 1048 Pierpont, (or P.O. Box 30220) Lansing, Mi. 48909.

Completes Navy Training

Navy Airman Recruit Sherman E. Way, son of John E. and Tina R. Way of 305 Pingree, Roscommon, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close-order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1978 graduate of Roscommon High School, he joined the Navy in September 1978.

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5 Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, January 4, 1979

North Central Michigan Mental Health Services Board Schedule For 1979

4th Thursday w/exception of January and November

Date & Starting Time	Place
January 11, 7:30 p.m.	Crawford County Court House Grayling, Michigan
February 22, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Cadillac, Michigan
March 22, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Lake City, Michigan
April 26, 7:30 p.m.	Public Library Houghton Lake, Michigan
May 24, 7:30 p.m.	Crawford County Court House Grayling, Michigan
June 28, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Cadillac, Michigan
July 26, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Lake City, Michigan
August 23, 7:30 p.m.	Public Library Houghton Lake, Michigan
September 27, 7:30 p.m.	Crawford County Court House Grayling, Michigan
October 25, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Cadillac, Michigan
November 29, 7:30 p.m.	Human Services Building Lake City, Michigan
December 27, 7:30 p.m.	Public Library Houghton Lake, Michigan

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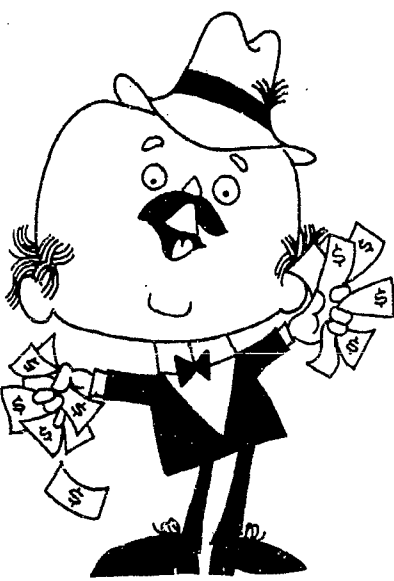
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Written by Tim Robisch
MT. PLEASANT — The School of Continuing Education and Community Services at Central Michigan University will offer several courses in this area.

"Organization and Implementation of Remedial Reading Programs" will be offered for 3 semester hours credit in Grayling. Registration and first class meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m., Room A-2 at Grayling High School.

For further information, contact the School of Continuing Education and Community Services, Rowe Hall, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48859, (517) 774-3715.

Aliens Must Report Address in January

Paul E. McKinnon, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the Attorney General within the near future.

All aliens, with few exceptions, who are in the United States on January 1 each year must report their address by the end of that month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement:

(1) Accredited Diplomats, (2) Persons accredited to certain international organizations.

Forms with which to make the report can be obtained from any Post Office during the month of January.

Mr. McKinnon said that the law provides severe penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirement.

If you are an alien in the United States you must report your address to the United States Government each January.

In view of serious penalties for failure to comply with the Law, the Government has made it easy for you to meet this requirement.

Go to your nearest United States Post Office during the month of January to obtain an address report card.

If you have alien children under 14 years of age you can fill out the card for them.

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High Games: R. Reddy, 228; B. Borak, 227; D. Kohnert, 212.

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High Games: T. Barr, 224; L. Davis, 222; J. Kolka, 215.

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5. Women of the Moose 3
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High Games: B. Doremire, 205; J. Yoder, 204; J. Trenary, 200.

Coffee League

1. Old Dam Party Store 33
2. Grayling Mercantile 32
3. Moshier's S & S 31
4. Wag On Inn 28
5. Red's Party Store 27
6. Grayling Pharmacy 26
7. Callahan's Sunoco 25
8. Lambert's Builders 18

High Games: B. DeHart, 211; J. Eberts, 197; A. Payne, 175.
High Series: J. Eberts, 539; B. DeHart, 499; B. Helsel, 451.

4-H News

To all you 4-H members, it is not too early to start thinking about your plans for the summer. We are already planning and it seems an appropriate time to share some of these ideas with you at the start of the new year.

The first event is 4-H Camp. The date is June 17th through June 20th, and it will be held at Camp Timbers, 7 miles north of West Branch. Youths between the ages of 9 and 12 years old are eligible to attend.

The next event is Exploration Day, June 21st to the 23rd. This will be held on campus at Michigan State University and is open to youths 12 years through 19 years.

Some of the goals of Exploration Day are to strengthen local 4-H Youth Programs, to provide in-depth "action learning" experiences in specific interest areas, to develop leadership ability, to observe 4-H in action, and to have fun and meet new people.

Participants will have over 150 different options to choose from and they must be willing to share new skills and ideas with other 4-H members. More information will be sent to 4-H members at a later date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fridays: Fish & Chicken Dinner at Moose Lodge, 5:30 to 9 p.m., \$3.00 adults, \$1.50 children. Members and guests welcome.

Thurs., Jan. 4: Men's Open Basketball, Frederic Elem. Gym at 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 4: Men's Open Basketball at Grayling Middle School Gym at 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 4: Freshman Basketball Team vs Petoskey at Grayling High School Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 4: Regular meeting, Grayling Masonic Lodge #356 F. & A.M., at 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 6: Regular meeting, Moose Lodge at 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8: Men's Open Basketball at Frederic Gym, 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8: Men's (over 30) Open Basketball at Grayling Elem. Gym at 7 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8: Girls Volleyball vs Kalkaska at Grayling High School Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8: School Board Meeting at the Grayling High School I.M.C. at 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 9: Open Volleyball at Grayling Elem. Gym at 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 9: 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Gaylord at Grayling Middle School Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 10: Open Volleyball at Frederic Elem. Gym, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 10: Wrestling Team vs Rogers City at Grayling High School Gym, 6:30 p.m.

1st and 3rd Mondays: WOTM at 8 p.m.

Poor Loser

Did you know that a poor loser is a person who has trouble taking off weight?

CARD OF THANKS

Tom and Nettie Crawford would like to thank the Grayling Volunteer Fire Department for such prompt response to their call on Christmas Eve. They traveled 9 miles in 19 minutes on icy roads.

H & R Block Has Moved

Grayling Manager, Patricia Gale, has announced a change of address for the Grayling H & R Block office for 1979. The new location is at 216 East Michigan Avenue, next door to Flowers by Josie.

This new location is more centralized to the city and should afford clients better access to the office.

The office will be open 9 to 6, Monday through Saturday, with appointments available both during and after regular office hours.

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BOTTOMS UP

by Herluf Moshier

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The best thing about growing older is that it takes such a long time.

Pessimist: One who has lived with an optimism.

One way to keep friends is not to give them away.

If you don't think money grows on trees, price one in a week or two.

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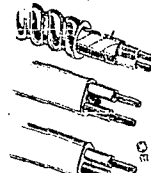
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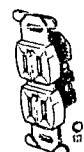
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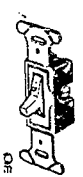


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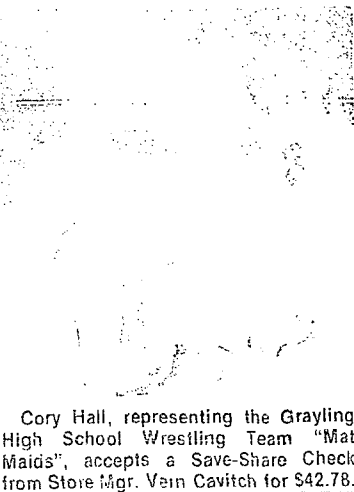


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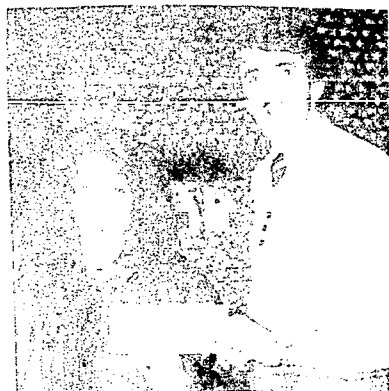
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Minimum wages bite, too

Richard Millman

The nation's minimum wage law is about to take another bite out of the economy...or put more bite into the economy, depending on how you look at it.

Under a law passed in 1977, the minimum wage goes up in steps, the next one due in January, this time from the present \$2.65 per hour to the new minimum of \$2.90 per hour. It will go to \$3.35 in 1981.

This law is supposed to help those at the bottom of the economic scale by raising their wages. Frankly I've never been able to understand how a jump in the minimum wage helped; it seems to me it will more likely hurt, all in all.

For one thing, it adds to the inflationary spiral. Those on the bottom step will receive a 9 percent pay hike, and that's somewhat inflationary. More important is the fact that the entire hourly pay scale and not just the minimum wage will move upward, if not immediately then in the near future. That's because in most cases, an hourly pay program is based on some floor figure and includes margins between jobs. Thus if the floor goes up, then the entire scale must move up, too. And that's inflationary.

To cover the higher labor costs, prices are increased. How can anybody come out on top?

And for another thing, some employers can provide only limited total amount for wages. Because that's all the business will permit. In those cases, fewer people will be paid more money, but some will be out of work altogether.

"Every time the minimum wage goes up, we have to lay off a few more people," according to one peanut farmer in Georgia. "I'd rather give these people jobs, but I have to look at costs." California economist Finis Welch calls the minimum wage law "perverse" and claims it helps the have-nots at the expense of other have-nots.

"For those who lose their jobs and then find that they qualify for welfare, there is partial compensation," Welch says.

"Is it not strange that at a time when a

major concern of welfare programs is to increase work incentives, we also push a minimum wage program which reduces work?"

When the law was first adopted in 1938, it set minimum wages at 25 cents per hour.

Incidentally, the Georgia peanut farmer cited above was quoted by Economist Welch in a recent 48-page report on the minimum wage law. The farmer? Billy Carter.

Speaking of farmers, concentration of power is evident among them, too.

The United States Department of Agriculture reported recently that the nation's biggest farms—those selling \$200,000 or more of crops or livestock annually—number 55,000 or only 2 percent of all farms.

But they had total sales last year of \$35.4 billion, or 36 percent of all farm sales.

These farms are "the fastest growing segment of the farm economy," according to USDA spokesman.

Before Thanksgiving gets too far behind us, here's an interesting fact to tuck away in your file of incidental information:

The typical Thanksgiving Day dinner this year exceeded 2,000 calories, compared with only 575 calories consumed by the Pilgrims back in 1621.

Some closing Nuts and Jolts from Hod Shewell:

—About the only time some drinkers say "no" is when the bartender asks them if they've had enough.

—We use the Australian Ballot in this country's elections, and some of the results indicate that the kangaroos do most of the voting.

—If a disease was cured as quickly as the medical bill arrives, this would be the healthiest nation on earth.

—Half the people on welfare are willing to work, and the other half are willing to let them.

—Some of today's rock songs prove one thing: Records are made to be broken.

By Sen. Robert Davis
The end of the year is traditionally a time when we look back on our past accomplishments and forward to upcoming challenges.

As I review the Legislature's record for 1978, I find that solutions were developed to a number of pressing state problems. I also see several areas where action is needed next year.

I would like to devote my column this week to providing you with a brief rundown on the major issues tackled by the Legislature during the past 12 months:

A Balanced Budget: We spent the early months of 1978 reviewing the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal 1978-79, finally adopting a balanced budget which meets the needs of our state's citizens. In addition, we were able to set aside an additional \$104 million for the Budget Stabilization Fund, thereby significantly improving our capability to continue essential services in the event of an economic downturn in future years.

Public Health Code: Following some four years of study, we approved a new Public Health Code for Michigan which is designed to ensure adequate health care for all our citizens and to curb rising health costs in our state.

Nursing Home Reform: Residents of nursing homes in Michigan will be assured adequate and humane treatment under the Nursing Home Reform Act approved by the Legislature this year.

Drug Enforcement: A package of four new laws was passed this year in an effort to crack down on hard drug dealers in Michigan. The measures sharply increased the penalties for drug-related crimes, establish mandatory minimum prison sentences, and restrict parole for those convicted of such crimes. Voter approval of a separate measure we placed on the ballot will allow judges to deny bail for violent and habitual criminals.

Energy Conservation: 1978 was an energy-active year in the Legislature. We established a new Energy Committee in the Senate, and approved a number of measures aimed at encouraging energy conservation in our state. Among the new energy-related laws approved were those which provide tax credits to persons who install alternative energy devices, allow utility companies to loan their customers money to insulate their homes and install fuel conservation devices, and establish permanent home heating assistance and home weatherization programs.

Product Liability: Another new law we approved this year is designed to provide a solution to the growing problem of product-related injuries. This new law establishes clear guidelines regarding legal actions covered under product liability claims, while maintaining consumers' rights to sue in cases of legitimate product-related injuries.

Probate Code Revision: One of the final measures to clear the Legislature this year was a new Probate Code. The Code updates and streamlines the procedures for probating estates in Michigan, and is aimed at eliminating the frequent delays and heavy costs often associated with this process.

Open Caucuses: I am also pleased to report that Senate Republicans became the first legislative caucus to open their meetings to the press and public.

As I indicated previously, I still see several areas where action by the Legislature is needed. I am particularly hopeful that the new Legislature, which takes office in January, will be able to reach agreement on badly-needed

revisions of our state's workers' and unemployment compensation systems. In addition, I hope action will soon be forthcoming on revisions of Michigan's no-fault insurance law, implementation of the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment, and decreased regulation by government.

In closing, allow me to thank you for your support over the years. I am looking forward to serving you in upcoming years as your United States Congressman. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Mid-Mitten Chapter met at AuSagra Acres Thursday, December 21st, for a Christmas sing with the Senior Citizens residing there. They were a most receptive audience and we had a great time singing for them. From here we travelled on to the home of John and Susan Noteware to have our own Christmas Party. A delicious lunch was served and gifts were exchanged.

Weekly rehearsal between the holidays was held at the Gerrish Municipal Building. With the new year it's back to serious rehearsals.

Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary



Jack and Aggie Trudgeon hosted a post-Christmas party on December 26, 1978 at their home on the AuSable. The party was held to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary which fell on that day. The guests were not told previously that it was to be an anniversary party but the guests surprised them with a Christmas tree hung with silver packages of money.

Raymond J. Trudgeon and Agnes Savoie were married in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on December 26, 1953. Following military service Jack attended MSU and then came to Grayling in 1956 where he has taught since. They have owned and operated Borchers Canoe Livery since 1956.

Their nine children were all at home for the party: Leesa and husband, Mike Hodges, of Detroit; Janice Gates, and son Paul, of MSU, East Lansing; Kevin from CMU; Tom and Phillip of Grayling; Toni, David, Rene and Carrie, all at home. Also here was Mrs. Betty Trudgeon, Jack's mother from Sault Ste. Marie. The Trudgeons renewed their marriage vows before Father Neis at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday morning. (Fay Bovee Photo).

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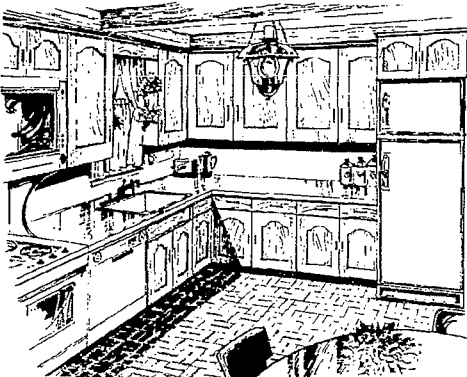
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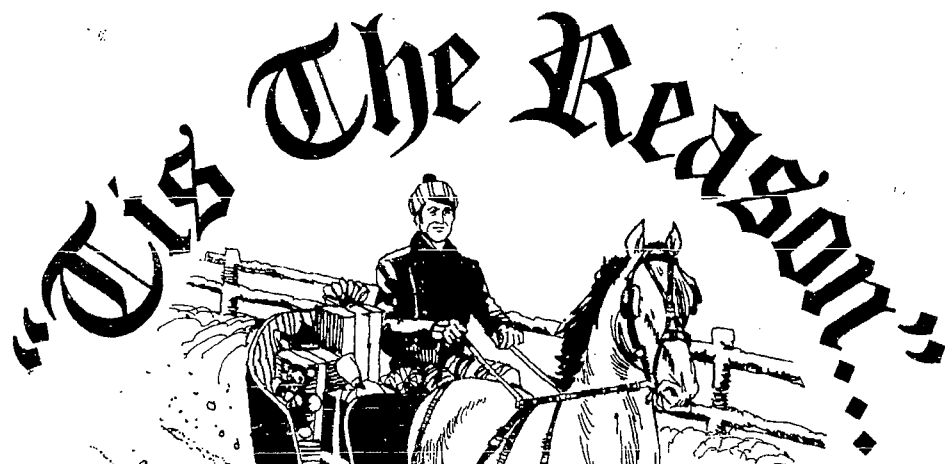
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- Forecast Period - January 7-14**
- ARIES** Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Midweek looks favorable for speculative matters. A general improvement in financial and domestic affairs is likely.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20-May 20
Parental relationships are on a more secure footing. Home improvements or real estate dealings should fare well.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20
Wishful thinking becomes reality. Helpful suggestions from a relative or neighbor can be turned to profit.
- MOONCHILD** June 21-July 22
Caution in financial dealings is urged at this time. An over-optimistic attitude can be disastrous.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22
More prestige is yours in the days and weeks ahead. This week gives you an idea of better things in store.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You'd like to give the shirt off your back to one in need. Use discretion. You'll gain much.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Harmonious social relations bring new interests and people in to your life. Hopes will be fulfilled.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You may find your usefulness in the limelight this week, probably in the nature of an honor or promotion on the job.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Jewels of knowledge are yours. Enlightened understanding brings deep satisfaction. Faith can be your fortune.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your credit standing may be at issue. Make sure accounts are in order. A windfall could be on the back burner.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Prosperous trends bring good returns. Share with mate or partner. Affluence — yours or associates — brings peace of mind.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Curb the tendency to excess — over working, over eating, over doing in general. Adhere to common sense, good health rules.

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License Plate Purchases Drop

The longest late March and early April license plate lines ever are predicted by Automobile Club of Michigan at its offices if the current 20 percent drop in sales continues.

Auto Club states that many motorists are putting off the purchase of new plates until the outcome of a petition drive that would halt the average 30 percent fee hike is known.

Auto Club says that legislation allowing the governor's signature in Lansing would guarantee a return of any already paid license plate fees above the previous rate if the petition drive is successful. This petition drive not only would leave license plate fees at the 1978 level but would halt an additional two-cent per-gallon gasoline tax from being levied January 1st.

Legislation passed in Lansing authorized both the license plate and gas tax increases, but a successful petition drive would allow voters to decide that issue in the 1980 general election.

Auto Club opposes the petition drive. "Nobody likes more taxes," stated Auto Club Board Chairman Richard C. Van Dusen. "But Michigan does not have enough money to maintain its roads and a tax increase is the only practical way to maintain roadways. It will be cost beneficial to pay more for safe roads and save in the future on car repairs not needed and on accidents, injuries and deaths which will not happen."

Auto Club reminds motorists they have until March 1 to order license plates by mail through the Secretary of State's office. All passenger vehicles must have 1979 plates by April 3 and by March 1 for commercial vehicles.

Editor's Mailbox

Dear Pastor Barnett:
Two weeks ago in the Crawford County Avalanche appeared a column that caught my attention with your name at its end, further details of which I think you owe the reading public.

You state that "within a few miles of Grayling there is a camp for brainwashing young teenagers... into Moonies" with the obvious inference from the complete content of the article that to be a Moonie is something bad. Well, Pastor Barnett where is that place, what is its address, it's name—have you been there that you can personally testify to having seen whatever you attest to actually happening? Can you in all good conscience Mr. Barnett tell us the name of one, I repeat one, teenager who has come from there brainwashed as you claim? Mr. Barnett, you quote "Time" magazine as listing a quote that you offer to detract from the Rev. Moon's credibility, but isn't it possible that that magazine's reporter misquoted the Rev. Moon, or was not honest in his reporting—or don't you care because this statement itself fits in better with the preconceived kind of notion that you have already affixed to the Rev. Moon? And the other trash in the article that you accuse the Rev. Moon of—where are your facts Mr. Barnett? Did you know Mr. Barnett that Mr. Donald Fraser of the U.S. Congress headed a special committee investigating, in part, the Unification Church and the Rev. Moon and after months of research and thousands of dollars worth of investigation found not one (!) ground upon which to indict the Rev. Moon or the Unification Church.

Mr. Barnett you were placed in the important position of leading a congregation of Our Heavenly Father's children home. I would ask if the very kind of judgment you have laid down upon the Unification Church and its founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon (and the other religious leaders you mentioned in your article) is the very kind of judgment you are prepared to have meted out to you in the spirit world. Please think about it Mr. Barnett, pray for Our Father's guidance, and let us see your answers to our questions in print.

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If we're going on a nostalgia trip, let's take it all the way. Let's make the big discovery that people made back in the old days which is just as valid now as it was then...

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Children of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baker of Rt. 5, Box 5268, Grayling; Paul age 7, Donald age 5, and Scott age 23 months, shown above.



Children of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wisniewski of Rt. 5, Box 5234, Grayling; Rachel age 1, and Laura age 5, shown above.



Children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellingboe of Rt. 5, Box 5259, Grayling; Tommy age 6, and Billy age 4, shown above.



Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon G. Qualls of 305 Cedar, Grayling; Tyra Ann, age 5, shown above.



Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Brunskill of Rt. 5, Box 5301, Grayling; Melissa Louise, age 7 months, shown above.



Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mowrey of Rt. 5, Box 5302, Grayling; Julie Ann, 2½ months, shown above.

OBITUARIES

Donavin Amstutz, 57 Succumbs Tuesday

Donavin J. Amstutz, 57, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 1979 at Mercy Hospital. Funeral services were held January 2, 1979 at Sorenson Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. with Father W. Dawson officiating. Services will also be held on Thursday, January 4, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. at Basinger Funeral Home in Bluffton, Ohio. Interment will be in Clymer-Bluffton Cemetery, Ohio.

Mr. Amstutz was born in Bluffton, Ohio, on May 2, 1921. He had been a resident of Grayling for six years, and was employed as an employment specialist for MESC Job Service. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 3736 of Grayling.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Leslie and Tami, both of Bluffton, Ohio; one stepson, Charles Lagerberg of Bay City; two brothers; four sisters and one grandchild.

Services Held For Ralph Slusser, 71

Ralph Otis Slusser, 71, passed away Thursday, December 28, 1978 at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Funeral services were held at Price Funeral Home in Troy. Interment was in Inter Christian Memorial Cemetery in Avon Township.

Mr. Slusser was a member and Past Governor of the Moose Lodge #1162 of Grayling and a member and Past Worthy President of F.O.E. #3465 of Grayling.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Schweitzer, Mrs. William (Patricia) Monahan, Mrs. Carl (Betty) Ross; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Mary Daniels and Mrs. Minnie Noble and four brothers, William, Frank, Justus and Carol also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Foundation.



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Trenary Attends Gen-Tel Course

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The course is designed to help supervisors gain skill and confidence in evaluating subordinates and conducting appraisal interviews.

Mr. Trenary resides at 3137 Hanson Drive with his wife and family.

Bits O'Talk

By Fay Bovee

Enjoying the Christmas holiday at the Bill Joseph, Sr., home were son, Dick, of U of M, Ann Arbor, son Bill and wife, Linda, of Beulah, Marian's mother, Mrs. L. W. Huntington of Eaton Rapids, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Huntington of Lansing. Two friends of Dick's arrived the latter part of the week to enjoy skiing.

Ginger Stanton of Hastings, Minn., spent from December 23 to 30 with her aunt and uncle, the Kenneth Carlises on Orbit Road. The Carlises were hosts to fourteen members of their families on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Carlisle returned on December 10 from a 6-week, 10,000 miles trip, going first to Sun Valley, Idaho, to attend the Western River Guides or 'rafters' Association meeting. From there they went to Hidden Valley near Pittsburg, Pa., for the Eastern Professional River Association organization meeting and then to Tampa, Fla., for the National Canoe Livery Association meeting. While they were in the west they visited Tom and Jan Stanton in Lewistown, Mont.

Bob Dishaw of St. Paul, Minn., spent a week over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dishaw on Chestnut St. and visited his sisters and their families.

Tom and Geneva Douglas of Traverse City were overnight guests on Tuesday of last week of his mother, Mrs. Beulah Moore. The Douglas came to attend the Trudgeons party.

Bob Ashchenbrenner of Bay City and his daughter, Martha, of Pasadena, Cal. were guests of the Jack Trudgeons on December 26.

Annette Sherlock of Suomi College, Hancock, spent her vacation with her parents, Jack and Kay Lund, at the Triangle Motel.

Guests of the Michael DePonios from Friday to Wed. of the Christmas week were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike DiPonio of Bloomfield Hills. This is the first Christmas for the DiPonios in their new home at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cory entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lazarczyk of Detroit, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cory, Jr., of Troy, for the long Christmas weekend.

Moose News

Thank you everyone for helping and working on the Christmas Party and the New Year's Party.

An officers meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 8 p.m. A regular meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6th at 8 p.m.

There will be a Legion of Moose Breakfast on January 21st at 11 a.m. There is a \$2.50 charge per person.

Art Howe is in Saginaw Hospital, 4th floor, Room #8, also in Saginaw Hospital is Cleve Tetling.

There will be a Fish and Chicken Dinner on Friday, January 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., adults, \$3.00 and children, \$1.50. Members and guests are welcome.

The District meeting will be held on January 13th at Grayling Lodge 1162.

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Blits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

John and Barbara Sojka, on the Mainstream of the AuSable, had their children home for the holidays: Paul, from Albuquerque, N. Mex., and Chris and Tanya from MSU. Chris and Mike Hoffman left Christmas Day for N. Carolina to visit Bill Hart. Jeff Mell of MSU was also a visitor the weekend before Christmas and Linda Meyer of New Jersey was to arrive on Jan. 4 to visit for five days.

Jim Gardiner spent his vacation from MSU recuperating from an appendectomy. Jim was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gardiner, when he was taken ill.

Guests at the George Hilton home over the Christmas weekend were their son, Tom Hilton, and his guest, Deborah Curtis, of Lansing. Tom's family, Dan and Patricia Thomas of Lansing, George Hilton and Russell Hilton, of Portland, and Jim and Catherine Urie and baby, Robby, also of Portland.

Elizabeth Jackson spent her vacation from Lansing Community College with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson.

Mike Brady, of London, England, was here over the holidays spending two weeks with his mother, Mrs. John Brady. Jerome Brady of West Bloomfield, also spent the holiday week with his mother.

Dan and Cheryl Boone and three children, and Patrick Gorman, all of Lincoln Park, were here during the holidays visiting their mother, Mrs. Ruth Gorman.

Editor's Mailbox

Crawford Co. Avalanche
Howard D. Madsen

Dear Sir:

Having been a resident of Crawford County for many years, we still consider it home.

We moved from there to Oregon just a few years ago. It's beautiful country, but didn't like the rains, so sold again and came to Missouri, the place we both grew up in and are quite happy here. But, we do miss the beautiful north country.

I am enclosing a check for \$8.00 for your senior citizen rate.

Thank you,
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boone
419 N. Market
Memphis, MO 63555

MDA Suggests Honey for Cookies

By Willard Bosserman,
County Extension Director
The Michigan Department of Agriculture recommends honey for the after holiday cooking.

If you're baking cookies, cakes and breads for often the holidays you might want to add nature's natural sweetener, honey, to your recipes.

Honey is the same product today as in ancient days, so finely produced it needs no preservatives, coloring agents, stabilizers or special protection.

Last year in our state, where good things are growing, 105,000 colonies of bees manufactured over 5.6 million pounds of honey, according to the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture.

Michigan's honey bees were not only busy making honey and beeswax but also served as pollinators for fruit and seed crops including apples, blueberries and cucumbers.

Honey is produced by bees collecting nectar from plants and flying it back to their hives where they constantly fan it to evaporate most of the water. When it becomes thick, bees seal it in honeycombs with body wax.

Color and flavor are determined by the flowers from which bees collect nectar. Light-colored, mild honeys come from clovers, while one of the dark, strongly flavored types is from buckwheat.

Flavor and absence of defects are important facts in honey grading. If labeled a single pure flavor, it must contain at least 51% of that flavor.

Recipes often suggest honey to replace sugar cup for cup. However, honey is sweeter than sugar and will greatly alter the flavor. When added to cakes, cookies and bread doughs, it gives them remarkable keeping qualities, a chewier texture and browner color. Honey also absorbs moisture from the air, helping keep baked goods soft.

Store covered honey at room temperature. If it becomes crystallized, it can easily be reliquified by setting the jar in a pan of very hot water. Be careful not to heat at over 160 degrees, as this affects the flavor adversely.



WINTRY WEATHER hit the Grayling area over the Holiday Weekend but failed to deter outdoor activity by local youngsters, as evidenced here as a group pauses to "pose in the snow". (Joe Schrader photo)

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

January 5, 1825 — The nation's first woman governor is sworn in as Nellie Ross takes office in Wyoming. She was elected to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Governor William B. Ross.

January 6, 1912 — New Mexico is admitted as the Union's 47th state.

January 7, 1789 — The first election for a President of the United States takes place throughout the nation, resulting in the selection of George Washington.

January 8, 1959 — General Charles de Gaulle, 68, becomes the first president of the Fifth French Republic.

January 9, 1945 — General MacArthur's promise of "I shall return" is fulfilled as more than 68,000 American troops land in the Philippine Islands.

January 10, 1870 — John D. Rockefeller incorporates the Standard Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio, with a capital of one million dollars.

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Babson's Forecast

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available mortgage credit — though at costly rates — kept housing starts extremely high. Added to the need for shelter dictated by population pressures was the impetus to home building stemming from the inflation psychology. Now that mortgage rates have reached levels making home ownership more difficult, and tighter bank credit has adversely impacted mortgage money supplies, home building faces a slower year. Babson's is forecasting a decline from around 2 million units in the private sector for 1978 to some 1.6 million for 1979.

In heavy construction there will be little real growth. Government and corporate budgets are under stress, and building costs have risen significantly. A sharp letdown, however, is not anticipated.

CORPORATE PROFITS — DIVIDENDS

Business profits recovered from an opening-quarter loss owing principally to the effects of the coal strike, and the balance of 1978 experienced excellent operating results. But 1979 will not see a repeat of the past year's outstanding achievement in corporate profits. Militating against it will be further cost advances, slower business conditions, the restraints on price boosts, and the widespread repercussions of the seemingly unavoidable OPEC hike in oil prices. Babson's is projecting for 1979 as a whole only a slight upshading in corporate profits after taxes, and even this will be mostly the result of the slight paring of federal corporate income taxes. Still, by historical comparisons, the 1979 profit level will look good.

Strengthening corporate financial positions over the past three years will permit well-maintained dividend payments, and there can still be a goodly sprinkling of rate step-ups.

EMPLOYMENT — JOBLESSNESS

After three successive years of healthy employment gains, easing conditions in a number of large job sources will restrict 1979's increment to only token proportions. During the recession we expect, the number of jobholders could shade off, but the frightening rash of layoffs which occurred in late 1974 and early 1975 is not in the cards for 1979. Nevertheless, there will be some gain in the number of jobless workers as well as in the unemployment rate. The latter will, in fact, work its way back up over the 7% mark of the civilian labor force, even though it was pushed back to 5.7% in mid-1978. The real problem will not be layoffs but rather not enough job openings to absorb the additions to the nation's labor force.

PERSONAL INCOME

With no massive employment dislocations expected, the uptrend in personal income should continue next year. On the plus side will be the hike in the minimum wage, automatic pay increases under existing multi-year labor pacts, and fresh pay raises won in 1979 union settlements. Income from dividends and interest will post good gains, as will earnings in the farm sector. Hence, even though personal income will not climb as rapidly as it has in recent years, consumers will still have a heartening volume of purchasing power.

CONSUMER SPENDING

Uneasiness over a less sparkling business climate and the specter of labor tie-ups and some job cutbacks will moderate consumers' buying intentions over a good portion of the new year. There will be a greater emphasis on reducing installment debt and on building up savings. This will, naturally, tend to strengthen the economy beyond the months immediately ahead, but the short-run impact will be to hold unit sales and gross dollar volume of retail trade somewhat below desired levels. But Babson's still does not foresee any radical curtailment of consumer eagerness to buy in the approaching twelve months.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS

1978 was another bumper crop year for American farmers, with incomes posting a good increase over 1977. Many in the agricultural sector feel, however, that farm prices have been laggard relative to the inflation in operating costs and the cost of living. Prospects do favor additional firming of crop prices, but huge carryovers are deterrents to any runaway price advances. As for livestock prices, the uptrend of the past year will progress further in 1979.

DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE

The anti-inflation battle and the related wage-price restraint program of the Carter Administration will command much attention as the new year progresses. On Capitol Hill, though, there will be no dearth of issues. Making a big push in the coming session of Congress will be proponents of a comprehensive National Health Insurance program, as will advocates of increased funding for seeking alternative fuel and energy sources. There will be, too, attempts to redress the energy and tax measures passed by the last Congress, both of which were compromised to the point of multilateral dissatisfaction. Also problematic for the Administration will be the drive to shape a less inflationary federal budget for fiscal 1980.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The international arena remains loaded with anxiety-producing issues. The stop-and-go peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel — still with important points of disagreement at this writing — offer a possible beacon of hope. But the areas of sharply divided views do underscore the vast complexities of Mideast problems. The situation in Lebanon has yet to be resolved, and the turmoil in Iran has even more significant ramifications for the Western World. After all, Iran is a heavy exporter of petroleum; it borders Russia; and it is strategically located in terms of the shipping lanes for Mideast oil. In Africa, continued tensions are likely. Even in Asia, there are deep rooted conflicts along with contemporary power-struggle connotations. It should be noted, however, that an accord on the second phase of the strategic arms limitation talks could improve U.S.-Soviet ties.

MONEY SUPPLIES — INTEREST RATES

The tightening of credit will not let up for some months, and the rise in interest rates seems destined to persist well into this winter or even into the spring of 1979. Right now, we look for the prime lending rate of the nation's leading commercial banks to peak around the 12% mark, but a rapid and sharp subsequent turnaround is not likely. We do not, however, anticipate the awesome economic disruptions caused by credit crunches of the past dozen years or so.

STOCK AND BOND OUTLOOK

Concern over the U.S. dollar's poor showing against strong foreign currencies and the frightening climb in money rates in 1978 frustrated the stock market's attempts to sustain its upward drives. At present, with the economy seemingly fated to slip into a recession, the 1979 stock market outlook appears discouraging to many investors. Yet Babson's Reports expects improvement in the status of the dollar and in the nation's balance of trade to revitalize investment sentiment. And at some point the stock market will likely commence to discount economic recovery after the recession. So, with many stocks trading at very low multiples of their latest twelve-month earnings and even relative to their probable profits for the year ahead, forward-looking investors will find a wide selection of opportunities in common stocks and convertible securities. The Babson Staff expects the Dow Jones Industrial Average in 1979 to hold in the same range as in 1978. But if headway is made toward curbing inflation, bolstering the dollar, and improving our trade balance, the DJIA could well launch a drive which would carry it into new high ground.

With interest rates nearing a peak, the bond market should also give a better account of itself in the year ahead. In coming months, investors in need of strengthening their position in fixed-income investments will have ample opportunity to acquire bonds and preferred stocks that provide attractive yields.

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